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Inventor(s): Vahid C. SAADAT et al.
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 28, 2009. Filed herewith are a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Also filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.